

## Message Text

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TAGS: VTIO, EAIR, RO  
SUBJ: VIP HELICOPTER  
REF: A. USDOC 03766; B. BUCHAREST 1284

1. IN RECENT MEETING WITH TEHNOIMPORTEEXPORT DEPUTY DIRECTOR GENERAL CONSTANTIN ZGAVIRDICI, COMATT WAS ADVISED THAT ONLY THREE COMPANIES (ONE FRENCH - SA35 MODEL, ONE WEST GERMAN - VOKKER/MESSERSCHMIDT AND ONE U.S. - BELL HELICOPTER) STILL BEING ACTIVELY CONSIDERED AS POTENTIAL SUPPLIER OF 6-8 SEATER VIP HELICOPTER TO ROMANIA. OF THEE, ONLY BEL MODEL 202 HELICOPTER HAS NOT BEEN TESTED BY RMANIA (IT STILL LACKS FAA CERTIFICATION).

2. ZGAVIRDICI STATED THAT PURCHASES OF VIP HELICOPTER HAS HIGH PRIORITY AND TEHNO HOPES SIGN PURCHASE CONTRACT THIS FALL.

REGARDING SIKORSKY S-76, ZGAVIRDICI SAID THAT AS IT SEATS 12-14 PEOPLE, IT TOO LARGE FOR ROMANIAN NEEDS. IN ADDITION, ROMANIA BUILDS THE PUMA HELICOPTER WHICH CAN SEAT 14.

4. COMMENT: IN VIEW OF STATED URGENCY WITH WHICH GOR PURSUING VIP HELICOPTER AND RELATIVE BACKWARDS POSITION  
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OF U.S. SUPPLIERS, IT APPEARS THAT GOR HAS ALREADY MADE DECISION TO BUY HELICOPTER FROM FRENCH OR WEST GERMANS.  
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